

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the
Western District of Oklahoma

In the Matter of the Search of

*(Briefly describe the property to be searched
or identify the person by name and address)*A SILVER IPHONE CELLPHONE WITH SIM CARD
NUMBER 8919601000309227177, located at HSI 3625
NW 56th St., Third Floor, Oklahoma City OK 73112Case No. M-23-561-SM

APPLICATION FOR A SEARCH WARRANT

I, a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government, request a search warrant and state under penalty of perjury that I have reason to believe that on the following person or property *(identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location)*:
See Attachment A

located in the Western District of Oklahoma, there is now concealed *(identify the person or describe the property to be seized)*:
See Attachment B

The basis for the search under Fed. R. Crim. P. 41(c) is *(check one or more)*:

- ☒ evidence of a crime;
☒ contraband, fruits of crime, or other items illegally possessed;
☒ property designed for use, intended for use, or used in committing a crime;
☐ a person to be arrested or a person who is unlawfully restrained.

The search is related to a violation of:

<i>Code Section</i>	<i>Offense Description</i>
21 U.S.C. § 846	Drug Conspiracy

The application is based on these facts:
See attached Affidavit.

- ☒ Continued on the attached sheet.
☐ Delayed notice of days (give exact ending date if more than 30 days:) is requested under 18 U.S.C. § 3103a, the basis of which is set forth on the attached sheet.

Cristina Busbee*Applicant's signature*Cristina Busbee, Special Agent, HSI*Printed name and title*

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 7/27/23City and state: Oklahoma City, Oklahoma*Judge's signature*Suzanne Mitchell, U.S. Magistrate Judge*Printed name and title*

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEARCH OF
A SILVER IPHONE CELLPHONE WITH
SIM CARD NUMBER
8919601000309227177, CURRENTLY
LOCATED IN SECURE EVIDENCE
STORAGE AT THE HOMELAND
SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
OKLAHOMA CITY PROPERTY ROOM

Case No. M-23-⁵⁶¹-SM

**AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF AN
APPLICATION UNDER RULE 41 FOR A
WARRANT TO SEARCH AND SEIZE**

I, Cristina Busbee, being first duly sworn, hereby depose and state as follows:

INTRODUCTION AND AGENT BACKGROUND

1. I make this affidavit in support of an application under Rule 41 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure for a search warrant authorizing the examination of property— one electronic device, as further described in Attachment A hereto—which is currently in law enforcement possession, and the extraction from this device of electronically stored information described in Attachment B.

2. I am a Special Agent with Homeland Security Investigations (“HSI”) and have been so employed since April 2019. I am presently assigned to the HSI office in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (hereinafter referred to as HSI Oklahoma City).

3. I am an investigative or law enforcement officer within the meaning of 18 U.S.C. § 2510(7), that is, an officer of the United States who is empowered by law to conduct investigations of and to make arrests for offenses enumerated in 18 U.S.C. § 2516. I am authorized to conduct criminal investigations of violations of the laws of the United States and to execute warrants issued under the authority of the United States.

4. I have been involved in a wide variety of investigative matters. Among other things, I am responsible for conducting investigations into violations of federal criminal laws, including the unlawful possession of firearms, the manufacturing, possession, and distribution of controlled substances, and the amassing, spending, converting, transporting, distributing, laundering, and concealing of proceeds from criminal activity. I have arrested, interviewed, and debriefed numerous individuals who have been involved with and have personal knowledge of these crimes. I have testified in judicial proceedings concerning the prosecution for violations of laws related to these crimes. I have been the affiant of numerous federal search warrants, which I have used to further criminal investigations. I have received approximately 26 weeks of specialized training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in the enforcement of federal laws.

5. The facts in this affidavit come from my personal observations, my training and experience, and information obtained from other agents and witnesses. This affidavit is intended to show merely that there is sufficient probable cause for the requested warrant and does not set forth all my knowledge about this matter.

IDENTIFICATION OF THE DEVICE TO BE EXAMINED

6. The property to be searched is a silver iPhone cellphone with SIM Card Number 8919601000309227177, hereinafter referred to as “the Device,” as further described in Attachment A. The Device is currently located in secure evidence storage at the Homeland Security Investigations office, 3625 NW 56th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

7. The applied-for warrant would authorize the forensic examination of the Device for the purpose of identifying electronically stored data particularly described in Attachment B.

PROBABLE CAUSE

8. HSI Oklahoma City is investigating a fentanyl smuggling organization operating in the Western District of Oklahoma and elsewhere. As part of this investigation, Lamonn BLONNER and Torquisha KESSEE have been identified as members of this drug trafficking organization responsible for taking substantial steps to further the organization’s goals. The Device was seized from BLONNER and KESSEE following the execution of a search warrant at their residence, 209 NW 86th St., Oklahoma City, OK. The Device was located on BLONNER’s person at the time he was encountered.

9. On July 17, 2023, law enforcement intercepted a shipment of approximately 21 kilograms of fentanyl-laced pills destined for Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. On July 19, 2023, a controlled delivery was conducted in Oklahoma City using an inert substance

resembling the fentanyl pills. Law enforcement then monitored the controlled delivery of that inert substance to determine who would arrive to pick up the substance from the person law enforcement intercepted on July 17.

10. Lammon BLONNER was identified as the individual who arrived to retrieve the duffle bag containing the inert substance. BLONNER was driving a silver Chevy Malibu bearing Oklahoma license plate MDJ-359. Surveillance was conducted of BLONNER and he returned to his residence located at 209 NW 86th St., Oklahoma City, OK. Investigators observed BLONNER take the duffle bag inside the residence. Law enforcement knocked on the front door of the residence and BLONNER attempted to flee through the back window, at which point he was detained. Three minors and a female later identified as Torquisha KESSEE were also at the residence. Investigators secured the residence and obtained a state search warrant.

11. During the execution of the search warrant, investigators discovered a chamber loaded firearm in the Malibu that BLONNER was driving and three additional firearms inside the residence. Three of the firearms, including the firearm in BLONNER's vehicle were reported stolen. Additionally, investigators located 18 auto sears and a variety of controlled substances, including approximately 280 grams of a substance that field-tested positive for methamphetamine, 1.2 kilograms of a substance that field-tested positive for cocaine, and 240 grams of suspected fentanyl-laced pills.

12. Based on my training, experience, and research, I know that the Device is a wireless telephone. A wireless telephone (or mobile telephone, or cellular telephone) is a

handheld wireless device used for voice and data communication through radio signals. These telephones send signals through networks of transmitter/receivers, enabling communication with other wireless telephones or traditional “land line” telephones. A wireless telephone usually contains a “call log,” which records the telephone number, date, and time of calls made to and from the phone. In addition to enabling voice communications, wireless telephones offer a broad range of capabilities. These capabilities include: storing names and phone numbers in electronic “address books;” sending, receiving, and storing text messages and e-mail; taking, sending, receiving, and storing still photographs and moving video; storing and playing back audio files; storing dates, appointments, and other information on personal calendars; and accessing and downloading information from the Internet. Wireless telephones may also include global positioning system (“GPS”) technology for determining the location of the device. In my training and experience, examining data stored on devices of this type can uncover, among other things, evidence that reveals or suggests who possessed or used the devices.

13. From my training and experience, I know that possession of drugs with the intent to distribute are conspiratorial crimes. Individuals who engage in these crimes typically do so in groups with the assistance of others. These criminals often use their cell phones to communicate with other members of the drug trafficking organization. Records of these communications and the contact information of the smugglers are often saved in the individual’s phone. Having access to the Device’s contents may allow investigators to

understand who organizes this drug trafficking, and whether BLONNER are involved in a wider conspiracy.

14. An examination can reveal the approximate location of the Device and the user by associating a specific date and time with: historical GPS data, historical cell-site data, and logs of Wi-Fi networks. Additionally, an examination can reveal the Device's unique identifiers (phone number, IMEI, IMSI, etc.). These unique identifiers can be used to compel material records from the cell phone service provider such as call logs, billing information, and historical cell-site data.

ELECTRONIC STORAGE AND FORENSIC ANALYSIS

15. Based on my knowledge, training, and experience, I know that electronic devices can store information for long periods of time. Similarly, things that have been viewed via the Internet are typically stored for some period of time on the device. This information can sometimes be recovered with forensics tools.

16. *Forensic evidence.* As further described in Attachment B, this application seeks permission to locate not only electronically stored information that might serve as direct evidence of the crimes described on the warrant, but also forensic evidence that establishes how the Device was used, the purpose of its use, who used it, and when it was used. There is probable cause to believe that this forensic electronic evidence might be on the Device because:

- a. Forensic evidence on a device can also indicate who has used or controlled the device. This “user attribution” evidence is analogous to the search for “indicia of occupancy” while executing a search warrant at a residence.
- b. A person with appropriate familiarity with how an electronic device works may, after examining this forensic evidence in its proper context, be able to draw conclusions about how electronic devices were used, the purpose of their use, who used them, and when.
- c. The process of identifying the exact electronically stored information on a storage medium that is necessary to draw an accurate conclusion is a dynamic process. Electronic evidence is not always data that can be merely reviewed by a review team and passed along to investigators. Whether data stored on a device is evidence may depend on other information stored on the device and the application of knowledge about how a device behaves. Therefore, contextual information necessary to understand other evidence also falls within the scope of the warrant.
- d. Further, in finding evidence of how a device was used, the purpose of its use, who used it, and when, sometimes it is necessary to establish that a particular thing is not present on a storage medium.

17. Furthermore, I know that when an individual uses an electronic device, it can serve both as an instrumentality for committing the crime (such as contacting sources of

drugs to make arrangements for picking up drugs or dropping off payments, or vice versa), and also as a storage medium for evidence of the crime.

18. *Nature of examination.* Based on the foregoing, and consistent with Rule 41(e)(2)(B), the warrant I am applying for would permit the examination of the Device consistent with the warrant. The examination may require authorities to employ techniques, including but not limited to computer-assisted scans of the entire medium that might expose many parts of the Device to human inspection in order to determine whether it is evidence described by the warrant.

19. *Manner of execution.* Because this warrant seeks only permission to examine a device already in law enforcement's possession, the execution of this warrant does not involve the physical intrusion onto a premises. Consequently, I submit there is reasonable cause for the Court to authorize execution of the warrant at any time in the day or night.

CONCLUSION

20. I submit that this affidavit supports probable cause for a search warrant authorizing the examination of the Device described in Attachment A to seek the items described in Attachment B.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristina Busbee

Cristina Busbee
Special Agent
Homeland Security Investigations

Subscribed and sworn to before me
on July 26, 2023:

27, 2023

Suzanne Mitchell
SUZANNE MITCHELL
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

ATTACHMENT A

The property to be searched is a silver iPhone cellphone with SIM Card Number 8919601000309227177, pictured below. The Device is currently located in secure evidence storage at the Homeland Security Investigations' property room.

This warrant authorizes the forensic examination of the Device for the purpose of identifying the electronically stored information described in Attachment B.



ATTACHMENT B

1. All records on the Device described in Attachment A that relate to violations of 21 U.S.C. § 846 (drug conspiracy) and 18 U.S.C. § 922(g)(1) (felon in possession of a firearm) involving BLONNER, including:
 - a. lists of customers and related identifying information;
 - b. types, amounts, and prices of drugs smuggled or trafficked as well as dates, places, and amounts of specific transactions;
 - c. any information related to sources of drugs (including names, addresses, phone numbers, or any other identifying information);
 - d. any information recording BLONNER's schedule or travel; and
 - e. all bank records, checks, credit card bills, account information, and other financial records.
2. Evidence of user attribution showing who used or owned the Device at the time the things described in this warrant were created, edited, or deleted, such as logs, phonebooks, saved usernames and passwords, documents, and browsing history;
 - a. records of Internet Protocol addresses used; and
 - b. records of Internet activity, including firewall logs, caches, browser history and cookies, "bookmarked" or "favorite" web pages, search terms that the

user entered into any Internet search engine, and records of user-typed web addresses.

As used above, the terms “records” and “information” include all of the foregoing items of evidence in whatever form and by whatever means they may have been created or stored, including any form of computer or electronic storage (such as flash memory or other media that can store data) and any photographic form.